

OFFICIAL PERFINS OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE (PART 2)

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Figure 9: Perfin K.V.G.

The perfin K.V.G. is until now the only Russian perfin in revenues ending with the letter G. This perfin may have been used by an organ of the Russian province (Gubernya)? I have seen this perfin on tax stamps issued in 1887 and 1907.

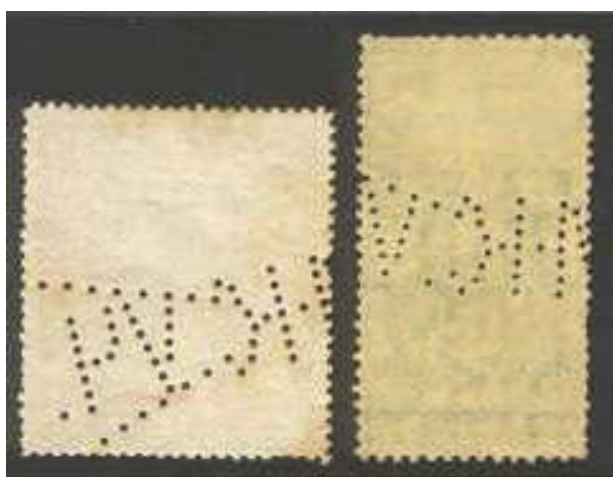


Figure 10: Perfin . . . K Uch

Regarding the perfin . . . K Uch I can tell that I only know the last part of this perfin. The character before the Cyrillic “K” shows part of a diagonal line, so that probably the Cyrillic letter “I” or “M” is involved. In view of the position of the character “K” - still next to the point of intersection of the crossing lines - I suppose that there may even be 3 characters before the “K”.

The perfin L.O.S. was used by the court of justice of the district of Lodz in Poland. At that time Poland was part of the Russian Empire. In figure 11 you can see the perfin in a combination of tax-stamps from 1887 and 1907.



Figure 11: Perfin L.O.S.

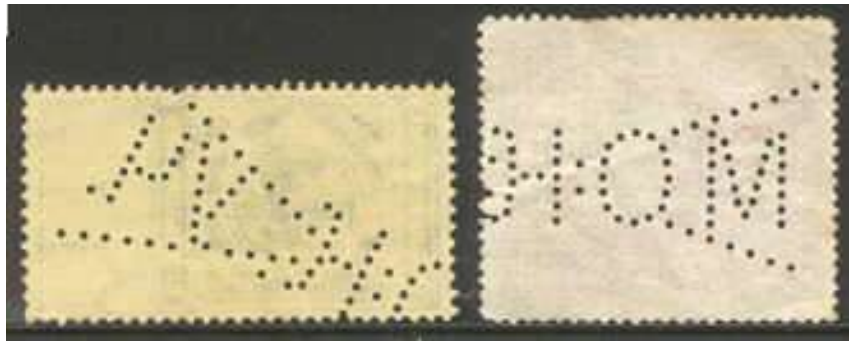


Figure 12: Perfin M O K Uch.

The perfin M O K Uch is likely to have been used by a registration office of a district organization in the Polish town of Warsaw. I have this perfin both in common Russian tax-stamps (1887) and in stamps for municipal taxes of Warsaw. For the time being I assume that the letter “O” stands for Okrug (district) and the “K” for Kontora (office).



Figure 13: Perfin N O V O S Uch.

In the perfin N O V O S Uch (fig. 13), the letters O and S presumably represent “court of justice of the district” (see also other perfins with these initials). Also in this case we perhaps have to deal with an organization

established in Warsaw, because these perfin have also been found in the tax-stamps of the city of Warsaw. (see fig. 3).

In view of the position of the letter “N” in between the crossing lines of the perfin . . N Uch (fig. 14), it looks like only two characters of this perfin are missing. This perfin is also found on municipal tax stamps of Warsaw.



Figure 14: Perfin . . N Uch.



Figure 15:
Perfin . O L S Uch.



Figure 16:
Perfin OVON.

Also the perfin . O L S Uch (fig. 15) is found in tax-stamps of the town of Warsaw. I suppose that one character is missing in the illustrated perfin. *Is anyone in possession of a stamp with the first part of this perfin ?*

The perfin OVON (fig. 16) I only know in a Russian tax-stamp of 1887. The illustration makes clear that more stamps are needed to judge how many characters of the perfin are missing.

The perfin P R A . . . (fig. 17) is found in a Russian tax-stamp of 1907. Taking into account the placing of the first 3 characters - exactly before the point of intersection of both lines - I suspect that there still are 3 characters missing. Based on the illustration the fourth letter could be a

Cyrillic “G” or “P”. Apart from that, I assume that also with this perfin it’s not a question of one word but the initials of several words, because that is the case with all perfins of this type of which the user is known.

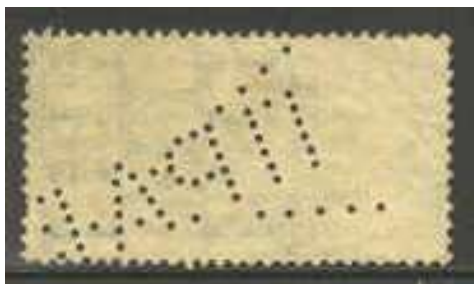


Figure 17: Perfin P R A . . .



Fig. 18: Perfin S O B O . . .

The perfin S O B O . . . (fig. 18) I have only found on a 10 kopeks tax-stamp of Warsaw. The two lines cross exactly in the middle of the second letter “O” so it is nearly certain that 3 characters of the illustrated perfin are missing. *-Does anyone have a perfin with the remaining characters ?*



Fig. 19: Perfin V O S (type 1)

The perfin V O S (fig 19/20) is found in two types. Type 1 has 3 letters close together and there are no perfin holes in between the letters. Type 2 (see fig. 20) shows more space between the letters and also parts of perforated crosslines are visible in between the letters. The perfin V O S (type 1) I have on tax-stamps of 1887/ 1888. The perfin was used by the court of justice of the Vologda district.



Figure 20: Perfin V O S (type 2) – reduced illustration



The user of the perfin V O S (type 2) was the court of justice in the district of Vinnitsa. This perfin can be found in tax-stamps of 1907 and in special revenue stamps of the courts.

Fig. 21: perfin VRACH UPR.

The perfin VRACH UPR. (figure 21) was used by the Medical Administration in Warsaw. The perfin is found in general Russian tax-stamps as well as in stamps for municipal taxes of Warsaw.



Fig. 22: part of a document with the perfin VRACH UPR. of the Medical Administration in Warsaw. (reduced illustration)

Conclusion:

I am well aware that this summary is far from complete. Based on my own collection I wanted to make a start in compiling information on this area of collecting. To extend this summary I would very much appreciate help from readers. I have noticed that collectors of these kinds of revenues often keep them at the back of the album, until there is a reason to do something with them. Maybe this article could be that reason. Therefore I am asking for assistance from readers by reporting unknown data in this category of official Russian perfins. Any additional information about perfins shown in this article will be highly appreciated by me. Also information about Russian perfins - single or on document - not included in this summary is naturally welcome. Please forward information to Dick Scheper, Hogeland 1, 2264 JX Leidschendam, The Netherlands dick.scheper@planet.nl